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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:)
: Examiner: M. Botts
HIROSHI TANIOKA)
: Group Art Unit: 2176
Application No.: 10/697,983)
: Filed: October 31, 2003)
: For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
: APPARATUS, IMAGE)
: PROCESSING METHOD AND)
: STORAGE MEDIUM : June 28, 2006

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2006, the term for responding to which having been extended to June 28, 2006 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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